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Dear Jack,

Thanks for your kind thoughts and wishes. Aside from fatigue and problems of a nonmedical nature, I am troubled only by the ulcer I healed before I knew I had it. It is nothing. Do not worry, but thanks for doing it!

On the index, my wife has been working on it, with other things often preventing it. She's done nothing for a couple of weeks, but has about a third of the new book carded. But there is something you can do that is easier in the amount of work and more difficult in that you cannot do it at home. I'd like very much to have an alphabetical listing of the commission counsel with the witnesses from whom each took a deposition or who each questioned at hearings before members of the Commission. This could be invaluable to me when I confront them (possibly the first tomorrow in Chicago, probably others by the end of the month in New York. I would also like to include it in WHITEWASH III, on which I'm spending every spare minute. I'd also give you credit for it in the book, unless you'd prefer otherwise. Some witnesses are questioned by more than one lawyer, so the dates of the questioning would show the difference.

If you cannot do it, please let me know immediately because there are some California students who have offered to help. You are closer.

All of this would be in the first 15 volumes. I'd suggest you take one volume at a time and use a separate sheet for each lawyer. You'd have too many sheets if you were to use one for each witness. The testimony does not appear in chronological order, but I'd still suggest you begin with Volume 1 and work your way through them, if you can.

I think Jeanne Dixon is an unintending faker. I know something about the crystal ball in her private life. I once knew her slightly.

To say that Oswald seems to have had a governmental connection does not mean that the government was in any way connected with the assassination. Nor does it mean the converse. I still think Oswald was framed, and I do not think the CIA framed him. Whether the government had any connection with the assassination I cannot say. You must understand that even if government people had a connection, this does not mean they were pursuing a policy that stems, say, from LBJ. It is not possible to answer you more directly and still be responsible. I do not think LBJ had any connection with it, for example, as more people seem to think all the time. The training of Cubans to invade Cuba is an important aspect of this whole thing, as you believe. That will eventually be unravveled.

Colonel Castor now has a copy of the book, given him by a mutual friend. He seems a bit perturbed, expressed an interest in meeting me, and we may have lunch some day next week.

Please do not get an exalted idea of what I am doing. I believe it is what I must do and that if there is anything unusual about it, that is only that others do not do what they should feel impelled to do. Society has the right to expect certain contributions from each of us. We are obligated to do what we can. It is not at all heroic and it is less unusual than you think, for each of us does what he can in the way or ways he can.

Thanks,

Harold Weisberg